



# IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mrs. Weehunt of Cleburne is visiting her sister, Mrs. Herbert Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson and son and Mr. and Mrs. Nystel and children of Fort Worth spent the past week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loader.

Mrs. Freeman of Abilene, Mrs. Gosdin of Lubbock and Mrs. Evans of Dallas visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, this week.

Mrs. Huffman of Alvarado visited her niece, Mrs. Herbert Cunningham, this week.

Mrs. Essie Mae Luckie got two letters from her husband Saturday. Sgt. Ralph Echols and Ina Echols of the Blackland Army Air Field at Waco spent the week end here.

Mrs. Will Kilgore of near Fairy and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herman Kilgore, and baby were here Saturday.

Mrs. Mollie Graves left Saturday for a visit with relatives in Meridian. Mrs. Johnnie Mings took her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bowman and Clark and Mrs. Ethel Sawyer were in Meridian and Clifton Saturday. Linda Bowman accompanied her grandparents home and spent the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loader took Mr. George Collier to the Meridian Hospital Friday. Hayden Sadler was in the Stephenville Hospital this week for examination.

Mrs. J. A. Jones of Rocky community spent the week end with Miss Clara Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Howell McAden and baby of Dallas spent the week end here.

Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Hays of Hico are visiting relatives in Arkansas. They were accompanied by her mother, Mrs. F. M. Collier.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gordon of Fort Worth spent the week end here with relatives.

Miss Marie Gosdin of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noel and son of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gosdin, this week.

Mr. Levi Rathiff spent from Thursday till Sunday in Gordon with Mr. and Mrs. Dock Rathiff. They came Thursday and he accompanied them home.

Mrs. B. J. Fouts and son and Mrs. Walter Harris Jr. and children were in Waco this week.

Mrs. Robert Heyroth, who is with her husband in Louisiana, spent a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Allen.

Several from here attended the Stock Show at Fort Worth over the week end.

Mrs. Worrrell and her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Houston and daughter, Mildred, were in Stephenville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Patterson of Dallas spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wiese.

Mrs. Ralph Wingen and daughter, Susie Freeman, and her brother, Paul Patterson, all of Dallas, spent the week end with Nola's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson. Her daughter, Mrs. Devereaux, and baby who visited her returned home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Simms, March 5, a daughter. She was born in the Stephenville Hospital.

Mrs. J. M. Blue had the picture of a big ship, the Clinton, that her son, Milton M. Blue, is on. It is a pretty picture in a pretty frame. She and her daughter, Mae, were showing the picture Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Howard Presley of Wichita Falls visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McBee, the past week. She was accompanied by Miss Lurline Gramsham.

Misses Mildred Harper and Irene Jaehne spent from Thursday till Saturday with Irene's sister, Mrs. G. W. Wilson, of Fort Worth. They brought their home.

Mrs. Bennett Whitlock of Waco, her father, Mr. Cavness of Dallas, and Corporal and Mrs. James Cavness of Florida spent the week end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Laswell spent Sunday in Stephenville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cavett.

Pvt. Obie Dunlap, stationed in Oklahoma, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Jimmie Rose of Hillsboro visited her brother, J. E. Lawrence, this week. Mrs. Lawrence accompanied her home for a visit.

B. L. Mitchell Jr. and James Phillips, who are students in John Tarleton, spent the week end at home.

Ted Clepper, James Harris, Tom and Duke Simpson and Glen Yokum spent the week end in Fort Worth.

Mrs. C. L. Tidwell spent Sunday afternoon in Stephenville with her daughter, Miss Peggy June.

Mrs. Alice Chester, Mr. Oley Chester, Mrs. Ruby White, Mrs. Jean Haverly of Cleburne and Mr. Everett Chester of Dickinson spent Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Wilda Basham and sons spent Monday in Stephenville with her sister, Miss Faye Hensley.

Mrs. Rex Ellis and baby and Miss One Miller of Dallas spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller.

Mr. Hickok, father of Mrs. Word Main, died Friday and was buried Saturday afternoon in Walnut Springs. The deceased had been ill for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Word Main attended the funeral. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

### Clairette

By Mrs. H. Alexander

Rev. Arch Jones filled his regular appointment here last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Thompson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim O'Hare and daughter of Fort Worth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Artie Thompson Sunday.

Mrs. Maud Martin is visiting in Fort Worth with relatives. Mrs. S. L. Wolfe and son, Sam, visited in the home of T. M. Lee Sunday.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Charlie Deisher at Alexander last Tuesday. Mr. Lois Mayfield of Abilene spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Mayfield.

Mrs. Conda Salmon and children were dinner guests of Misses Eunice and Nola Lee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stamford of Fort Worth spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Alto White and children moved to Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Nora Dowdy and daughter are visiting relatives in Dallas this week.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander and Elizabeth Monday were Mrs. Willie Dunagan of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander.

Cotton Mayfield spent the day with Dwan Wolfe Sunday.

Miss Gloria Jean Mayfield of Abilene is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Mayfield.

Mrs. Leslie Patterson and little daughter, who have been living in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander, moved to Hico Monday.

Lt. Tull Havens of Hondo spent the week end here with his mother, Mrs. I. B. Havens.

Mrs. Susie Salmon is at the bedside of her father, Mr. Tom Stinnett, who is very ill in a San Angelo hospital.

W. Z. Carter, who is working at Valley Mills, spent the week end with his wife.

Mrs. I. B. Havens is visiting her husband and daughter in Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. A. Duncan of Waco visited a few days with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Artie Thompson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wolfe Saturday night.

Mrs. Ruth Salmon and children, Misses Eunice and Nola Lee, visited in the home of Mrs. S. O. Durham Sunday evening.

Mrs. Charlie Littleton (better known as Aunt Rachel) passed away in the Stephenville Hospital Monday and was laid to rest here Tuesday. Uncle Charlie and Aunt Rachel lived in and around Clairette the biggest part of their life, until just a few years ago when they moved to Stephenville and spent their last days together. Everyone extends heartfelt sympathy to the family in the loss of a good friend and neighbor.

Mrs. and Mrs. Clark Todd and sister, the former Miss Lola May

### Fairy

By Mrs. J. O. Richardson

Farming is at a standstill due to so much rain, and at this writing we are still having unsettled but warm weather.

Mrs. Emma Lackey spent several days last week in the home of her son, Bill, while Mrs. Ovie Brummett, who has been very poorly for several weeks, Mr. Lackey and little sons, Max and Harold Keith went over Sunday for Mrs. Lackey. Mrs. Brummett will remain for a few more weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Blount of San Antonio spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Newman and other friends and former neighbors.

There was good attendance last week at the pie supper, which was for the benefit of the Red Cross. We have gone over the top with the quota for Fairy.

Mrs. T. L. Betts who is employed in Fort Worth spent the week end at home.

Miss Frances Cable of Fort Worth spent last Sunday week in the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Parks and family. She was reared in the Parks home.

Word has been received this morning (Tuesday) of the death of Miss Gemima Gann, who has been ill for some time, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Maggie Finklin of Fort Worth. She died of a heart attack about 3 a. m. Tuesday. The body was taken to the Barrow Funeral Home in Hico, and the funeral was set for Wednesday. A fuller account will be given in next week's news.

We are glad to report Mrs. A. R. Hoover improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hoover of Dallas spent last week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hoover, and to be with his mother, who has been ill. Thomas Slater accompanied them back as far as Grand Prairie, where he will visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Anderson, and attend the Ft. Worth Stock Show.

Misses Daphne and Patsy Ann Hoover of Fort Worth came in with their uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hoover, and spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoover.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Todd and sister, the former Miss Lola May

Todd of Lubbock, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Todd, and family this week, and to be with their brother, Jerry Todd Jr., who is here on leave from the Navy.

We glanced through our window early last Friday morning in time to see the feathers flying from one of our hens crossing the road which had been hit by a passing motorist. At second glance, we recognized the driver as Cecil Parks. We later learned Cecil was on the way home from the Hamilton Clinic, where he had become the proud father of a little daughter who made her arrival Thursday night. Excusable, Cecil. The little Miss has been named Cynthia Laverne and will also be welcomed by a little 5-year-old brother, C. R.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Grady Anderson in the loss of her father, Mr. Williford of Hamilton, who passed away last week. It will be remembered that her mother also passed away about nine months ago.

While Mr. and Mrs. Beck were attending the pie supper Tuesday night of last week for the benefit of the Red Cross, some one of our less patriotic citizens made away

with part of their turkey-breeding stock. The Hamilton County Sheriff was out on Wednesday checking up on the thieves. Others also reported missing stock.

We are very sorry to learn of the illness of Jim Crow of Hico. The Crows were former residents of this community.

Mrs. Clancy Blue and little son, Dorsey Dwan, of Hamilton spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wolfe and

sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Edwards and Betty Lou.

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#### WEATHER REPORT

The following weather report is submitted by L. L. Hudson, local observer:

Date	Max.	Mfn.	Pre.
March 7	57	35	0.00
March 8	66	44	0.00
March 9	72	41	0.00
March 10	78	40	0.00
March 11	78	60	0.00
March 12	72	54	0.00
March 13	75	50	0.00

Total precipitation so far this year, 6.90 inches.

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# Fowler McCormick Predicts Great Progress In Post-War Farm Machinery, Equipment

(Statement of Fowler McCormick, President, International Harvester Company, before the Agriculture Sub-Committee of the United States House of Representatives Special Committee on Postwar Economic Policy and Planning, Chicago, Illinois, December 19, 1944).

Gentlemen of the Committee:

The letter which I received from Mr. Arthur, your consultant, suggested that I direct my comments before the committee to two principal points (1) measures that might be taken to reduce the wide fluctuations in farmers' purchases of capital equipment and (2) the prospective adjustments likely to occur in postwar agriculture resulting from changes in machine use and technology. With your permission I should like to comment on those topics separately and in the order in which they were presented.

First, as to measures that might be taken to reduce wide fluctuations in farmers' purchases of capital equipment, such as farm machinery.

The first point to be understood, I believe, is that the fluctuations in purchases of capital equipment closely correspond with and are caused by fluctuations in farm cash income. There is a direct relationship between the farmer's current income and what he considers to be his prospective income, and the amount of machinery he buys.

This is because farm equipment is to the farm producer what machine tools are to the industrial producer. Farm machines are never bought for display, or for pleasure, but are bought only because the farmer expects by their use to reduce production costs or to improve the quantity or the quality of his output, or all three. They are tools of production purchased only when the buyer expects to make a profit by their use.

Since this is so, it follows that any measures or conditions which tend to maintain the cash income of farmers on a steady level will also result in maintaining their purchases of capital equipment at a steady level.

Many factors tend in that direction, with most of which I am sure you gentlemen are familiar. Among them might be mentioned the tendency toward greater diversification in farming in areas which have historically been predominant one-crop territories, such as the cotton country. Another tendency is toward development of industrial markets for farm crops. In addition there are and will be many governmental policies and programs all having a similar objective. To the degree that these various factors succeed in equalizing the peaks and valleys in farm cash income they will also automatically equalize the peaks and valleys in farmers' purchases of capital goods.

Second, as to the prospective changes in machine use and technology and the effects of these on agriculture.

I can say to you first that I am sure the postwar period will see many new and different farm machines as the result of engineering advances. I know this is true with respect to the Harvester Company and I would be very much surprised if it were not true also as to our competitors.

In my opinion the outstanding result of this technological progress will be to give the small one-family farm every advantage available through mechanical equipment to the larger farm. It was true before the war and is true today that the large farms and medium-sized farms of the country were operated largely with mechanical equipment. It is also true that at the present time there exists farm machinery adapted to the needs of many of the small farms of the country. But, unfortunately, there are still areas in the United States where relatively low farm income and small acreages under cultivation have restricted the use of machine power. It is to those localities and to those little farms that we hope to be able to bring the benefits of power farming, with equipment of a size and price adapted to their needs.

Before the entry of our country into the war, our engineers had

been working on many new developments in the design of farm equipment and our other products, such as motor trucks, industrial power and refrigeration equipment. Work of this sort, of course, was almost entirely brought to a halt by wartime tasks. More recently, the progress of war production and the termination of some of our larger war contracts have enabled us to resume development work on some, although not all, of these products.

Some of the machines which may well be regarded as postwar machines are already in limited production. They cannot be produced in quantity now because of necessary wartime restrictions on materials, manpower, machine tools and plant construction.

Typical of these machines are the new automatic pick-up hay baler, the self-propelled combine and the cotton picker. You may be interested in a little description of them.

The pick-up hay baler makes a one-man job of what has usually been a four-man job, the baling of hay. This makes it unnecessary for the farmer to draft his family for field work on the hay crop or to make arrangements for work-sharing with his neighbors, and also makes it possible for him to handle his hay crop at just the right time to get the best results. In most cases, the baler will eliminate the use of two other machines.

This machine is much simpler and lighter than old-type balers. It is pulled by a farm tractor. It travels along the windrows of hay, gathers up the hay, presses it into a rectangular bale, with each charge sliced into sections for easy feeding to livestock, binds the bale automatically with heavy twine, and expels the completed bale. It will handle from four to six bales a minute. The pick-up baler also provides the first practical method of gathering and baling the straw from threshed grain in a field which has been harvested by a combine. Baled straw has both farm and industrial uses.

The self-propelled combine, or harvester-thresher, is an important

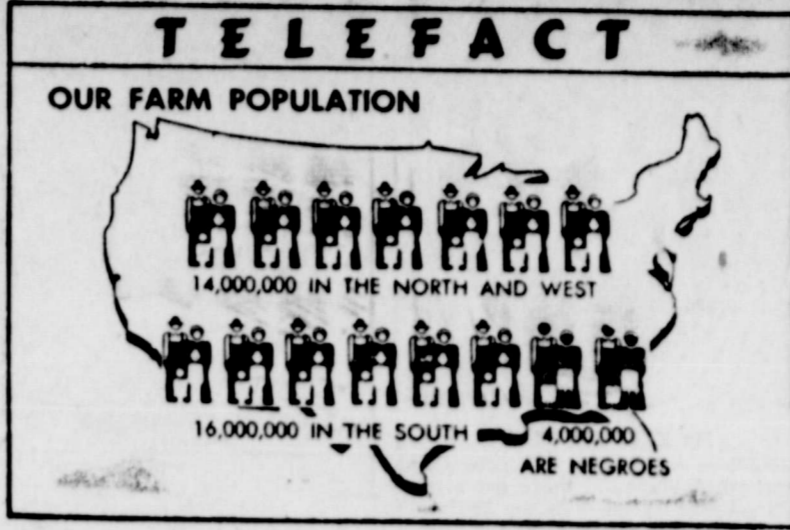
development. At present our machine is made in only one model, having a 12-foot cutting width, and a conventional combine of the same capacity as our self-propelled model requires one man on the tractor and another on the combine. The self-propelled machine offers the advantages of one-man operation, lower fuel costs, and greater flexibility in field work. In addition, of course, it frees the tractor for other work.

I know all of you have heard of the mechanical cotton picker and some of you may have seen the machine at work. Our picker is the result of more than 40 years of engineering work. It offers mechanical power for the harvesting of the most important American field crop which is still harvested laboriously and expensively by hand. Moreover, it completes the mechanization of cotton production, since all other steps in growing cotton can be and are performed by machines. If American cotton is to compete successfully with foreign cotton in world markets, or compete successfully in the American market with competitive fibers, the costs of cotton production must be reduced. The cotton picker can make an important contribution to that end.

Speaking roughly, the machine will harvest in a day about as much cotton as could be picked by from 40 to 50 average hand pickers. You may be interested to learn, too, that we are experimenting with smaller cotton pickers to be powered by small tractors.

I will not bore you with details of other machines which are being developed and are in various stages of progress at the present time. But I can say that marked improvement may be expected, especially in tractors, in the implements which work with tractors, in hay machines and in machines for the handling of corn. Where it is possible and desirable to make machines lighter, we are giving much attention to that, both to reduce costs and to make the implements easier to handle.

It is probable that one of the greatest effects of technological change in farm machinery will be manifested in soil conservation work. Improved farming practices have been developed by the Soil Conservation Service which not only will help to preserve our top soil but will aid in rebuilding its fertility. Many examples of the effectiveness of this work have been seen during the war, when acreage which had been retired from production and treated according to the recommendations of the Soil Conservation Service was returned to production and produced excellent crop yields for the war food programs. One of the important phases of



soil conservation practice is the construction of terraces for the control of erosion. In previous practice this terracing work was ordinarily done with heavy earth-moving equipment such as large crawler tractors and graders, which were not owned by most farmers and whose use involved considerable out-of-pocket expense.

In future this work will be done by farmers themselves using standard farm equipment. Moldboard, disk and harrow-plows, for instance, have proved entirely satisfactory for such work. The importance of soil conservation has been in our minds in designing our new machines. It is our objective to make it possible for farmers to carry on an adequate soil conservation program with the same tractors and implements which they use for other farm work.

We believe one of the factors which will profoundly influence the postwar farm is the great development which has taken place and undoubtedly will continue to take place in rural electrification. This development will affect the farm both as a place to live and as a producing unit. There will certainly be much greater farm use of all types of electrical equipment.

One important phase of that development, we believe, will be a great increase in refrigeration equipment on farms. With that in view, our Company is preparing to produce and market in the postwar period a complete line of electrical refrigeration, designed to meet all farm needs. This will include zero-temperature refrigeration for freezing and storage of perishable foods, as well as refrigeration in the ordinary 38-degree household range and combinations of both. The units will range in size from relatively small

chests to large walk-in type refrigerators.

Adequate refrigeration on farms will save much food that is now wasted and should result, through better storage, in improved nutrition. Refrigeration equipment, like other electrical equipment, will be important also in making the work of farm women easier.

In connection with all these developments that I have sketched, I should like to speak one word of caution, so far as our own Company is concerned. That caution is that not all these machines will be available in the first year after the war, or possibly in the second. Some of the machines still require a certain amount of engineering and field testing work. Others which are ready for production must await the construction of new factories or the retooling of existing factories before they can be placed in production.

Consequently, we are not able to say just when all of the new developments will appear. I do believe, however, that by five years after the war, the mechanical equipment in use by farmers will be different and better than the machinery they now have.

As to the effects of the new machines, I have already said that we believe they will bring power farming to areas where it is not now generally used. I have in mind particularly the Southeastern states. We believe the general use of more and better farm machinery will result in eventual increases in the earnings of farmers. The earnings of farm workers, as the National Resources Committee found in its study of Technological Trends and National Policy, tend strongly to increase with the increase in power and machinery available for their use.

We believe a powerful factor in spreading the use of mechanical

equipment to new areas may well be the return from military service of thousands of farm boys and men from those areas who have been accustomed while in service to the use of a great variety of mechanical equipment. Having seen what proper machinery can do in war, it seems probable that they will want the assistance of proper machinery in their peacetime occupations.

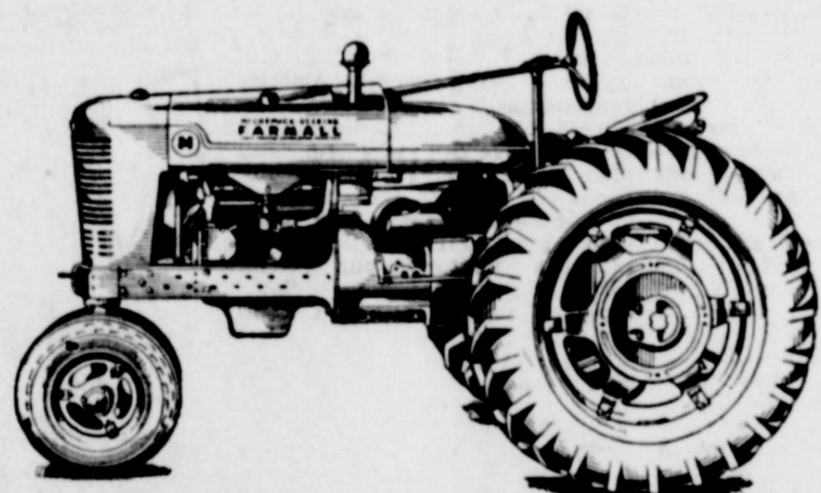
The war, of course, has emphasized the importance of farm equipment not only to city people, previously unaware of it, but to many farm families. Without the mechanization that had taken place in American agriculture, our farmers could not have produced the crops necessary to sustain the war effort. On thousands of farms in this country, farmers and their wives or daughters, with the aid of machines, have carried on successfully despite the absence of the young men who ordinarily would do so much of the work. This has not been easy. It has meant that elderly people and very young people have had to work long, hard hours every day, and then, in many instances, turn on the tractor lights and work well into the night. The marvelous job that has been done is a great tribute to the patriotism and devotion of American farmers.

We believe the great majority of American farms, in the future as in the past, will be one-family farms, owned and operated by the members of the family with little or no assistance from hired labor. To these families, the continuing development of farm equipment means more profitable farm operation and an easier and shorter working day.

In our opinion, therefore, the chief result of future technological changes in farm equipment will be to make the position of these millions of one-family farms more secure, to improve their ability to compete with larger farms—in short, to make most American farms more efficient businesses and better places to live.

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HARMONY BETWEEN ALLIES

As a result of the Yalta conference, Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt seem to be more palsey-walsey than ever before.

There will be tremendous problems to be worked out to avoid the possibility of future wars, but if the people of our three countries will follow our leaders in insisting on a harmonious relationship...

In spite of the great differences in political philosophy which exist between the people of our country and the people of Russia, we cannot help but have great respect for the Russians when we read about the amazing war job they are doing...

And there is no reason why, when the war is over, we cannot continue to respect and admire the Russians as a people. So long as neither country tries to impose its theories of government on the other...

PERMANENT PEACE

If we ever hope to achieve permanent peace in this battered world, it's going to take more than world courts, world planning, world conferences, and a world wide police force.

If we get angry at the Russians, or the English, or the Germans, or the Chinese, or the Japanese, we mustn't consider the possibility of war as a means of settlement.

Nations, in a way, are very much like individuals. But they must learn to act in a more civilized way than do the people within their borders.

Watches Iwo Action



Sec. of Navy James V. Forrestal watches through his binoculars the marine assault troops as they hit the beach at Iwo Jima.

The KNOT-HOLE

By ELLIOTT PINE

Indiana is called the outstanding basketball state... there are some 850 schools enrolled in the Indiana High School Athletic Association...

Wee Bits of JESTURE

[Opinions expressed in this weekly feature are the writers', and not necessarily those of the News Review.—ED.]

Well, folks, I thought we all had kinda had an understanding about this here "Optimism Business" for the duration...

Marquette U's basketball squad has lost more games than it has won this year, but it has scored an average of 52 points a game...

Tommy Farr, the Welsh heavyweight fighter who is now manager of a bar in London, paid a \$45 fine for breaking a sailor's nose.

The wartime ban on horse racing will be lifted as soon as conditions permit, according to a letter written by Lucius Clay, deputy director of war programs.

Mort Cooper, Claude Passeau and a few other big leaguers think that 13 is their lucky number.

Byron Nelson picked up some more war bonds by defeating Harold ("Jug") McSpaden in their play-off in the New Orleans open golf championship tourney.

Ford Frick, president of the National League, plays golf in the low 80s. The Detroit Lions are considering Utah as a training site next fall.

When we think of removal of wastes from the body we usually think of the waste from the large bowel, yet it throws off the smallest amount of waste of all the organs that throw off waste.

Environment either creates enthusiasm or cremates energy.

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 3, 1945

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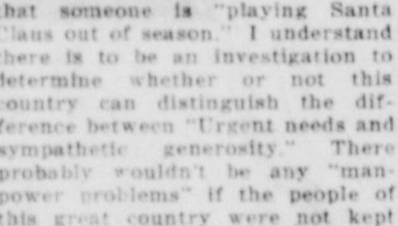
By JOE SMITH DYER

KEEPING UP WITH THE GANG: The greatest danger lies in exceptional prosperity because then we get careless with our cash.

READING IS A RETREAT: So many people seem to think that autos, movies and radios have reduced reading to an almost lost art...

WEEK'S BEST BOOK: "Troopers West" by Forbes Parkhill. This is an exciting story of American soldiers and the uprising at Butterfield Creek in the early days of our great west.

HEALTH WITH A SMILE: Removal of Wastes From the Body. By Dr. J. B. Warren.



When we think of removal of wastes from the body we usually think of the waste from the large bowel, yet it throws off the smallest amount of waste of all the organs that throw off waste.

Environment either creates enthusiasm or cremates energy.

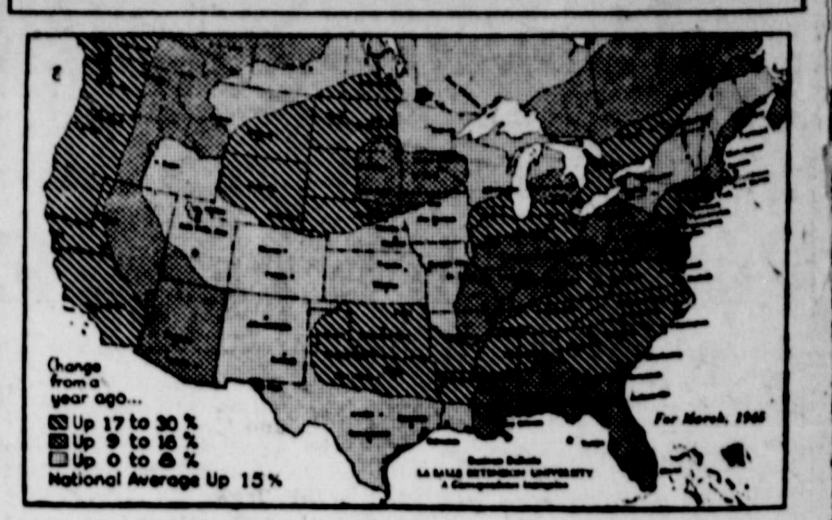
NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 3, 1945

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Hico, Texas, I hereby order an election to be held in said city of Hico on the first Tuesday in April...

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Farmers Getting Ready to Produce Big Crops



By L. G. ELLIOTT, President La Salle Extension University.

THE first clear call of spring will find American agriculture eager to meet the new season's challenge. Seven consecutive years of increased food production under adverse circumstances have given the farmers of the country a spiritual stamina that will meet all demands with clear-eyed confidence.

To meet their high goals this year, farmers are completing their preparations along four lines. First—they are planning to put in more acres, and the total area planted this season may be close to 5,000,000 acres more than the close-to-record acreage last year.

The second part of their plans is to use every farm more fully than ever before. Through even better planning in a thorough, comprehensive way and by better management they will strive to beat their own past records.

By all these methods farmers are getting well prepared for great accomplishments for they know that the demand is great. The men in the armed forces are depending on them. They realize that meeting the challenge successfully will require lots of hard work, careful planning and efficient management.

Small town merchants report a substantial volume in spite of rationing and shortages of some commodities. More and more sales are being secured by these merchants from people in their localities, undoubtedly due to gas rationing.

Other indications for the coming season are encouraging. Feed supplies are ample and the amount of feed grain per animal is the largest in twenty years.

The number of livestock on farms has fallen off somewhat from the record levels of a year ago. The greatest decline has been in hogs, with less reduction in sheep, cattle and poultry.

LET US HELP YOU KEEP YOUR Farm Machinery IN GOOD SHAPE

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— VISIT OUR SHOP — L. J. CHANEY

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# Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Killion of Dublin visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Killion Sunday.

Max Hoffman was in Dallas Tuesday buying merchandise for a store.

Mrs. Jim Jameson of Hico and Mrs. R. Jackson of Olin were visitors in Waco Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Pierson went to Dallas last Saturday to attend the funeral of Mr. Ed Tarver, held there at day.

Miss Jessie Garth spent the first of the week in Dallas buying new spring merchandise for the J. W. Chubb store.

Mrs. Albert Brown and daughter, Betty, of Dublin came in Sunday for a visit here with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Mrs. David Sevier of Brownwood visited here Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordan, and with her sister, Miss Hester Jordan.

Mrs. M. S. Pittle has been severely ill for the past week at her home here. Mrs. O. L. Doggett of Milton has been with her mother most of the time.

Mrs. Edwin Seilheimer and Texie Allison of Fairy have ordered subscription to the News Review to be sent to their sister, Miss Betty Allison, at Waco, as a birthday gift.

**EASTER FLOWERS**  
Do not delay placing Easter orders early. Plants, Cut Flowers, Corsages.

**THE HICO FLORIST** 43-116

Mrs. E. F. Porter and Mrs. Mattie West went to Hamilton Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of Mark Emmett of Prescott, Arizona, originally from Hamilton.

Dean Spaulding, who has been employed at the Brown Shipyards in Houston for several months, came in this week for a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Spaulding.

Mrs. Carter Brockenbrough Jr. of Monday for Waco, where she visited her husband's parents and accompanied them to Scooba, Miss., an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. Spencer Neville.

**GROSS SHOP, Jeweler.** 45-116.

## DON'T FORGET

### The Little Tot

Have a picture made to send to Daddy in the Service.

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HICO, TEXAS

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At 8:30 O'Clock

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## Newest Ship Control



Warrant Electrician John F. Simpson is shown as he points out some of the features of a newly developed alternating current propulsion control for navy ships. The unit gives a ship's pilot direct control of the engine room from the pilot house.

## Church News

### Methodist Church

Church School, 10 a. m.  
Preaching, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Church of God."  
Young People's Meeting, 7:15 p. m.  
Preaching, 8 p. m. Subject, "Tollgates On the Road to Heaven." Worship With Us.  
J. F. ISBELL, Pastor.

### Church of Christ

The Gospel requirements are not only universal for every responsible creature, but are to remain that way until the end. Customs and fashions often change, and that is well enough, but it does not change the nature of man, or the conditions of salvation. What man needed in the first days of Christianity he needs now.

Go to Church Sunday—  
Bible School, 10 a. m.  
Preaching service, 11 a. m.  
Communion, 11:40 a. m.  
Young People's Class, 7:40 p. m.  
Preaching, 8:00 p. m.  
STANLEY GIESECKE, Minister.

### Baptist Church

Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union, 7:00 p. m.  
Preaching, 8:00 p. m.  
Tuesday—W. M. U., 3:00 p. m.  
Sunbeams, 3:00 p. m. G. A.'s, 4:15 p. m.  
Wednesday—R. A.'s, 4:15 p. m.; prayer services, 8 p. m.  
O. D. CARPENTER, Pastor.

### First Christian Church

Preaching service each first and third Sunday mornings of each month at 11:00 o'clock.  
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.  
You need your church and the church needs you. Come worship with us, your presence is greatly needed.  
J. L. FUNK, Supt. Sunday School.

## Six-Inch Sermon

BY REV. ROBERT H. HARPER

*The Law of Life.*  
Lesson for March 18: Matthew 22: 34-40; 23: 11-12; 25: 31-46.

*Memory Verses: Matthew 22: 37, 39.*  
The last lesson showed how utterly the rich young man had failed to keep the law of love—today we consider that law as the law of life. After the silencing of the Sadducees, the Pharisees tried to entangle Jesus and when a lawyer among them asked Jesus what is the great commandment in the law, He answered: "Thou shalt love."  
Later Jesus spoke of true greatness—found in great service. Selfishness leads to ruin, forgetfulness of self to exaltation. Truly, some men "forget themselves into immortality."

Note the difference between the Supreme court of the Universe in its last session and an earthly court—in the former the infallible judge presides, no attorneys plead, no witnesses testify, no jury brings in a verdict. But the great difference is in the charge made. The earthly court condemns a man for the wrong he has done, the Supreme court for the good he has left undone.

And here is a vast difference. It is not enough just to abstain from wrong—men must do the good. This is doubtless realized by everybody in a general way—think seriously of all its implications and of the utter ruin that comes at last to those who fail to do good.

Also remember the blessed privilege offered those who do good. It is reward enough in itself for every good deed that in ministering to the lowliest, a man is serving Jesus Himself.

TRY NEWS REVIEW WANT ADS FOR RESULTS!

## HOUSE HOME

By MARY E. DAGUE

WHEN you are planning this year's vegetable garden, one of the first things to consider is the soil. The better the soil the better the crop and this year our crops must provide for our day-to-day needs as well as for canning and freezing and drying.

If the garden is uncovered it's a good idea to work it as soon as the ground is open. Dig in compost, leaves and manure of the lot, the ground stand in rough ridges. The freezing and thawing will do much to enrich and improve the condition of the soil. The spring rains will tend to even and settle the ground so that when the time comes to prepare for planting, the earth is in a mellow and workable condition.

The soil must be well prepared before you put in the seeds. This preparation is a determining factor as far as the productivity of the soil is concerned. In the garden that is not enough to be plowed, there's little doubt but that the ground will be well "turned over." But if the garden is to be spaded then you must be sure that this is done deeply with the top turned under. Work with a hoe and rake to break up large lumps. Then spread with the plant food most suitable to your soil condition. Now is the time to put on lime, too. Work the fertilizer in by hoeing and raking and continue to rake until the earth is finely pulverized. Don't just scratch over the surface but work as deep as the seeds will be planted and two or three inches more. The first roots of the plants need this fine powdery soil but lumps underneath will hold moisture and strengthen the root growth.

Sometimes the amount of seeds needed for a given length is puzzling. Many seed catalogues give the amount of seeds needed for a certain number of feet. Beets for example require an ounce of seed to sow 60 feet of row while a packet will usually sow 15 feet. A packet of bush green beans is calculated to plant 20 feet of row and half a pound 75 feet. A packet of peas will sow about 10 feet and a pound 100 feet. A pound of both green beans and peas measure about a pint.

With this in mind, measure your garden, consider the size of your family and your plans for canning, and buy the seed accordingly. We are urged to buy all we need but no more. Also we are being warned to order seeds early.

But just because you have all your seeds, don't think you have to sow them all at one time. By well calculated plantings you can avoid such a bottleneck as having vegetables pile up on you too fast to take care of them and you can also prolong the season for table use.

AS SOON as we see fresh maple syrup in the market most of us succumb to the urge to invest in a gallon of the delicious sweet. With a good sized family to plan meals for a gallon of syrup disappears quickly but a small family is something else again and there's danger of wasting some of the precious maple syrup.

A good way to prevent waste is to put the syrup in pint jars. As long as the syrup is left unopened it will keep almost indefinitely but once the gallon is opened the syrup must be used within a reasonable length of time. So immediately on opening a gallon of syrup reheat it to the boiling point, pour into sterilized pint jars, seal and store like any other canned product.

Maple syrup is a "natural" for griddle cakes, waffles, popovers and hot biscuits but there are other ways to use it in cooking in order to save sugar and furnish real taste thrills. There's a maple sauce that's delicious to serve on warm cup cakes, puddings and ice cream.

**Maple Sauce.**  
One-half cup maple syrup, 1 egg white, few grains salt.  
Put maple syrup in sauce pan and heat to boiling point. Beat white of egg in a bowl with a rotary beater while syrup is heating. As soon as syrup boils beat about two tablespoons into the beaten white. Beat while the syrup cooks half a minute longer. Then add two more tablespoons of syrup and beat while syrup cooks. Continue until all the syrup is beaten into the egg white. The sauce should be glossy, soft and fluffy and altogether delectable.

Maple syrup can be used for a meringue, too. In this case the syrup must be cooked longer before you begin to add it to the beaten egg whites.  
Two or more tablespoons maple syrup are added to hard sauce with good results. Add the syrup a little at a time as you work the sugar and margarine to a cream.  
Poor man's rice pudding gains glamour if made with maple syrup.

**Maple Rice Pudding.**  
Three cups milk, 1/2 cup maple syrup, 1/4 cup dry rice, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine.

Wash rice thoroughly. Combine all the ingredients and turn into a buttered baking dish. Bake uncovered in a slow oven (325 degrees) for two and one-half to three hours. Stir several times during the first hour of baking to prevent rice from settling. Stir once or twice and then bake undisturbed until the rice is tender. Chill until slightly warm or completely cold and serve with or without cream. The pudding becomes thick and creamy as it cools.

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## Dresses Speak Softly of Spring

● Is it a print you fancy, or a figure defining solid?

No matter what your heart desires in an Easter dress, we have it. Dainty prints touched with ruffles to enhance your femininity — your favorite navy sparkling with crisp white frosting—a truly gala collection.



LEFT — Classic print. Full sleeves and wrist ruffling. Softly shirred skirt.



Right — Two piece navy. Ruffled trim edged in white. White pearl buttons.

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DRY GOODS

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HICO, TEX.

THE FLOP FAMILY

By SWAN



green here and there across the campus. That Marine uniform is stunning, isn't it?

A Senior boy has been winking only his left eye since last Saturday. Clovis didn't mind getting hurt; it was the thought that a member of his own team committed the offense that proved painful for a while, people considered the possibility that Billy was taking out a grudge on Clovis; but investigation revealed, it was purely accidental. A stitch here and there and the victim was back on his feet again. Of course, he couldn't play any more, but that was okay because it gave him a chance to run off to Lamkin and see Pilly's girl friend. Not that he did we just say he could have. Such a trick would have paid back Billy for slapping him in the eye—oh we said it was unintentional, didn't we? We had better cut this out pronto or the doctor may have another patient.

Those soft breezes and snowy clouds can mean nothing except Spring. The Senior News gives numerous effects that Spring has on different individuals. Take a cross-section of them, add a large dose of inability to do anything but dream, and there's how Spring gets us.

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TIGERS WIN BASKETBALL TROPHY

Hamilton county basketball teams met Saturday, March 10, for the final decision in a tournament which extended over two week-ends. The Tigers having won two games previously, played the Pottsville Bobcats at 2:00 Saturday afternoon. The teams were well matched in size and ability. Pottsville went off to an early lead but the Tigers quickly closed the gap and the score was tied 8-8 at the half. All the boys were working hard because the loser would have to play an extra game. In the middle of the third quarter Clovis Grant received an eye injury and was unable to play the rest of the tournament. This accident left the Tigers without any reserves. The crowd was kept in an uproar the last few seconds because the score was tied. Every time the ball left a player's hands there was a mad scramble for it. Then Pottsville made a field goal with only a few seconds left to play. The Tigers took the ball and made a last attempt to tie the score, but failed. The end of the hard-fought game brought a 12 to 14 victory for the Bobcats.

Having lost by a mere two points, the Tigers were not discouraged, but awaited the outcome of another game, between Hamilton and Blue Ridge, which would determine their next opponent. Blue Ridge beat Hamilton and was ready to take on Hico.

This game proved to be even later and closer than the one before it because neither team led more than six points at any one time. The loss of this game would mean the loss of the tournament. One Hico spectator claimed later that he fanned a Blue Ridge man when Hico was in the lead and the man from Blue Ridge fanned him when Blue Ridge was leading (Friendly enemies). The final score was Hico 25, Blue Ridge 25.

Hico and Pottsville then clashed again for the final encounter. The Tigers showed a fast pace the first quarter in spite of the fact that they had played a tiring game less than an hour before. They led the Bobcats 8 points. However, in the second quarter the wearying effects began to tell on them and the score at the half stood 15 to 16 in favor of Pottsville. The second half found the tired Tigers still fighting for the first-place honors. But the game ended Pottsville 49, Hico 20.

Our boys felt much better when they received the beautiful silver trophy which they think is actually better-looking than the prize won by Pottsville. It is a poised figure of a basketball player sculptured in silver on a base of black. It will be engraved soon with the words, "Hamilton County Tournament, 1945, Second Place." Billy Keeney and Louise Hyles were awarded silver basketballs which signified they were members of the All-County Basketball First Team. Jack Neel and Wendall Seago won positions on the All-County Basketball Second Team and Donald Hefner won honorable mention.

—Lloyd Angell.

SENIOR NEWS

Class Acrostic— S—is for Successful. That is James Ray. E—is for Efficient. That is Mary Jane. N—is for Noisy. Can that be Mary Nell? I—is for Industrious. Bobby McLarty fills the bill. O—is for Obedient. Harold Lynn suits that. R—is for Romantic. That is Elvema. S—is for Sentimental. That is Lorene Hyles.

In answer to the inquiry, "How does Spring make you feel?", the following characteristic replies were handed this reporter. We believe they were straight from the heart. Can you guess who said them?

"Spring makes me want to go fishing." "Spring makes me hate school." "Spring makes me want a new hat." "Spring makes me want a dill pickle." "Spring makes me want to day-dream." "Spring makes me want to wait in the moon-light."

And then there was the young lady who contributed the following and all extemporaneously, too: "A philosopher once said that when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, it is Spring. Not only does Nature change but the heart of youth turns to the opposite sex. To look for the first signs of Spring, do not search for budding trees, new grass, or singing birds. Instead, look for eager girls, listening for the telephone or primping for dates; and for anxious young men carrying books down the school hill."

WHO'S WHO IN THE JUNIOR CLASS

Today our spotlight catches Lou Dell Miller, sitting way at the back of the room. Lou Dell is five feet four inches tall and weighs 125 pounds. She came to H. H. S. three years ago, and though she kinda likes the place, she hopes to leave next year. (Don't we all, Juniors?) Home Economics is the subject she likes best. She thinks Ray Millard and Katherine Hepburn should be cast in movies together, but she also believes even that combination

could not beat "Since You Went Away." Her favorite book is "Gone With the Wind." Tennis is her favorite sport; she never gets to play any more, for some reason. It could be because she is too busy.

Lou Dell's favorite song is "My Heart Sings." We wonder if it ever sang about a certain red-headed sailor and a soldier and then there was another soldier—but we couldn't name all of her boy friends because there are too many.

GIRLS AND BOYS OUT FOR BASEBALL

As the basketball season draws to a close, the baseball season is ushered in at H. H. S. Suits are checked in, the gym is deserted, and everyone retires to the baseball diamond.

The seventh period is the time set aside for the girls' workout. The boys will practice the eighth period. Coach Parker will be on hand to direct the playing and umpire the games. Not many girls have reported as yet, but more are expected. After a few games among themselves, baseball teams from other schools will offer competition.

FRESHMAN NEWS

The Freshman class had a very nice surprise Wednesday morning when Clara Jean Thrash walked into the room. We wonder who the boy was that was with her.

Nicknames that are common among the Freshmen are: Jasper—James Lee Proffitt; Dub—R. W. French; Con Eakins—Don Otis Eakins; Dowdy—Janelle Dowdy; Doodle—Royce Grimes; Rooster

—Bobbie Jean Jaggars. When you see these Fish, try using their nicknames.

REFLECTIONS

Hico Tigers had barely blown the dust from the trophy case lock and placed within the spoils of a successful season, when eager students began to flock around for a look. It's very pretty, fellows; and we're all proud of you. Now no one can ever pass in the halls without thinking that the basketball team of '45 really believed it worth while to "Accentuate the Positive."

The Marines have landed. From every indication which comes this way, the situation is well in hand too.

Although he had to backtrack to Fort Worth and pick up a suit case or two, Frank Ganss gave H. H. S. the "once-over" his first day at home. Afterward, he was back to complete the unfinished visit among companions of yesterday. Frank's grin is a well-remembered one, along with his naive manner which was nearly spoiled by too much feminine attention when he first came to Hico from Wink as a Junior. However, it doesn't take much conversation with Frank to convince a person that neither the Sinatra-rush H. H. S. girls seem to specialize in, nor top-notch duty with the Navy and Marine Corps has changed the lad's original modest nature.

Classmates, he finally decided, would have to be found in remote places from Hico High. But teachers and other friends enjoyed catching glimpses of the forest

Missing in Pacific



Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, 57, commander of army air forces in the Pacific ocean area and deputy commander of the 20th air force, who with 9 other army officers and enlisted men, is reported missing in a fight over the Pacific.

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